Beedi Factory Workers in Gundlupet

202. Smt. K. S. NAGARATHNAMMA (Gundlupet).—

Will the Minister for Labour be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the majority of labourers in Gundlupet are Beedi factory workers ;

(*b*) whether Government has collected any statistics regarding the number of families engaged in Beedi manufacture work in Gundlupet ; if so, whether any health survey was conducted and found that many of them are T.B. Patients—most of them in primary stages ;

(*c*) the preventive measures taken by Government including malnutrition ?

A.—Sri K. PUTTASWAMY (Minister for Labour).—

(*a*) No census of workers in different kinds of employmest has been taken.

(*b*) Statistics has not been collected.

(*c*) The rates of Minimum Wages for Beedi Industry have been revised and implemented. The Mysore Beedi Industrial Premises (Regulation of Conditions of Work) Act, 1964 has been brought into force from 1st June 1967 to better the conditions of work of Beedi workers. There are no specific plans to combat malnutrition.

Varada River Flood Control Scheme

205. Sri S. BANGARAPPA (Sorab).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether Government is going to take up Varadha River Flood Control Scheme in Sagar and Sorab Taluks in Shimoga District ;

(*d*) if so, the estimated cost of the said scheme ;

(*c*) when it is going to be taken up ?

A.—Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) The Scheme is under investigation.

(*b*) and (*c*) Does not arise in view of reply to (*a*) above.